SELECT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. Music Room, ARMS, 170 Chestnut Street

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Select Board Members: Alisa Brewer, Aaron Hayden, Stephanie O'Keeffe, Diana Stein and Jim Wald

Town Manager: John Musante

Others: Attorney Alan Seewald and Mission Cantina Manager Sam Kochan.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. O'Keeffe at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: NEW ALL-ALCOHOL LICENSE – MISSION CANTINA

Public hearing opened at 6:31 p.m. No comments from public received. Attorney Seewald, representing the applicant, submitted two corrected pages for application, which were accepted and reviewed. Public hearing closed at 6:38 p.m.

VOTED unanimously to approve the application for a new All-Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License at 485 West Street, Amherst, an end unit in a three unit building, approximately eighteen (18) feet wide and forty six (46) feet deep for a total of 828 square feet, including a kitchen, bathroom and mop room at the rear of the premises, a restaurant area which includes a counter area, five tables with three seats each and a bench near the entrance serving as a waiting area for patrons and orders to go, and a storage area in the basement, with an entrance at the front and rear of the unit, under the business name of M.G.B.1, LLC d/b/a Mission Cantina, Manager Sam Kochan.

VOTED unanimously to approve the application for a new Common Victualler's license at 485 West Street under the business name of G.G.B. 1, LLC d/b/a Mission Cantina, Manager Sam Kochan.

LOGISTICAL ISSUES RELATED TO TOWN MEETING

It was agreed that Ms. O'Keeffe will offer a procedural motion at tonight's town meeting session to consider Article 24 – Term of Lease for Old Landfill at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011.

The Select Board opted to take no position on the submitted amendments to the Conservation and Development budget, as they contained only dollar amounts and no details.

REVISE APPOINTED COMMITTEE HANDBOOK

Board discussed prospective amendments to Section 3 of the Committee Appointment Handbook. Members to email summaries of comments to Ms. Stein for compilation. Discussion centered on how to establish expectations for roles of Chair and Staff Liaison duties/responsibilities without specifics of who is responsible, allowing self-rule of committees.

KEY INFORMATION UPDATES FROM SELECT BOARD

Ms. Brewer reported that the Attorney General's public comment period on "specificity of agenda items" expires at end of month; option for personal submission also available. Ms. Brewer requested update from Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) prior to deadline to assist in drafting comments.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

List of Documents Distributed at the Meeting

05-04-2011 Agenda
05-04-2011 Draft Motions
Mission Cantina New License Application and Attachments
Committee Handbook Section 3 draft amendments

Minutes Prepared by John P. Musante and Debra A. Roussel